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SUBJECT: NIAMEY CONFERENCE ON URANIUM EXPLORATION AND
DEVELOPMENT

PARIS FOR MELONE

1. HOUSTON OFFICE OF ESSO EASTERN HAS PROVIDED DEPARTMENT
(AF/W) WITH INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF FRENCH TEXT OF LETTER
DATED AUGUST 26 TO PRESIDENT ESSO EASTERN FROM MINISTER
MINES AND HYDROLOGY MOUSSA SALA. TEXT (UNESSENTIAL WORDS
DELETED) FOLLOWS.

2. QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT: SEPTEMBER 26 GOVERNMENT OF
NIGER WISHES CONVENE IN NIAMEY ALL REPRESENTATIVES OF
COMPANIES OR ORGANIZATIONS INTERESTED IN EXPLORATION AND
DEVELOPMENT URANIUM.

3. QUOTE AN INFORMATIVE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE THAT DAY
IN ORDER TO SET FORTH VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNING
CONTRIBUTION WHICH FOREIGN COUNTRIES, FROM WHERE THESE
COMPANIES OR ORGANIZATIONS ORIGINATE, COULD MAKE TO NIGER'S
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INDUSTRIALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY IN

TRANSPORTATION AREA OF THE AIR REGION. THE TAHOUA-ARLIT ROAD PROJECT WILL BE PARTICULARLY EXAMINED.

4. QUOTE I WILL BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD PERSONALLY ATTEND OR BE REPRESENTED BY SOMEONE AT THAT MEETING OVER WHICH I WILL PRESIDE.

5. DURING THAT MEETING THE PRESIDENT PLANS TO MEET WITH COMPANIES REPRESENTATIVES AND EXPLAIN TO THEM POLICY NIGER INTENDS TO PURSUE IN AREA OF MINING INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY OF URANIUM TO YOUR COUNTRIES.

6. QUOTE PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOUR ANSWER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND I AM ASSURING YOU THAT PARTICIPANTS TO THAT MEETING WILL BE ABLE TO LEAVE NIAMEY ON SATURDAY AFTER-NOON FLIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 27. SINCERELY YOURS.
CHEF DE BATAILLON: MOUSSA SALA UNQUOTE

7. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BACKGROUND YOU ABLE PROVIDE RE THIS GON INITIATIVE, PARTICULARLY WITH REFERENCE TO IMPLICATION IN SECOND PARAGRAPH THAT GON INTENDS ESTABLISH LINKAGE BETWEEN FOREIGN INVESTMENTS IN URANIUM EXPLORATION AND FOREIGN DONOR AID LEVELS.

8. FYI. JOHN BACKUS OF ESSO EASTERN EXPECTS ATTEND MEETING AND ARRIVE NIAMEY FEW DAYS IN ADVANCE OF IT. HE HAS PROMISED CONTACT EMBASSY BEFORE DISCUSSING SUBJECT WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS. END FYI.

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